Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know how many times the Revenue Minister visited his native place ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know how many times he visited his native place. If the member was interested in that he could have put that question itself. I have to cull out the information from this lengthy list and it is difficult for me to say that offhand.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಆರ್. ರಂಗೇಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು ಉದ್ಭವಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲೇ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಹೋಗುವಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲಲ್ಲ ಹಾಲ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ಬಗೆಹರಿಸಿದರೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಅನುಕೂಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಬಹಳ ಇದೆ. ಅವರು ಸ್ಕೇರ್ಸಿಟಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನೂ ನೋಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರು ಎಲ್ಲಿಯಾದರೂ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಹೋದಾಗ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಲ್ಲಿಯ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಆಫೀಸರನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯೂ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಅವರ ಪ್ರವಾಸಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಖಾನಗೀ ಪ್ರವಾಸಗಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಖಾನಗೀ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಫೀಷಿಯಲ್ ಟೂರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇದೆ. ಖಾನಗೀ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಹೇಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ?

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know how many times the Revenue Minister has paid surprise visits to any of the places ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is not possible to say anything about the surprise visits.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಚಿಕ್ಕೇಗೌಡ.—ಇವರು ಪ್ರವಾಸ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಕಚೇರಿ, ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಬ್ ಡಿವಿಜನ್ ಆಫೀಸು, ಎಷ್ಟು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಚೇರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ವಿಸಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ? ಹಿಂದಿನ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಹಾಗೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಆಫೀಸಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ವಿಸಿಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಚೆಕ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ? ಆ ರೀತಿ ಇವರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ರೆವೆನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ವೀರೇಂದ್ರ ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೆಲವು ಕಡೆ ಹೋದಾಗ ಸರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ವಿಸಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದಾಗ ಡೆಪ್ಯೂಟಿ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಆಫೀಸು, ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಆಫೀಸು ಮತ್ತು ಉಳಿದ ಆಫೀಸು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಸಿಟ್ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಕೆಲವು ಆಫೀಸುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್‌ಪ್ರೈಸ್ ಚೆಕ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಯಾವ ರೀತಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ನೋಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Purchase of Iron Ore by M.I.S.W.L., Bhadravathi

59. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknayakanahalli).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the proposed quantities of Iron ore (high grade) to be purchased in the current year and the coming two years by Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Earnest Money deposit originally notified was Rs. 5,000 for the first time in tender notification ;

(*c*) whether it was enhanced to Rs. 50,000, if so, the reasons ;

(*d*) the rate at which it was accepted to purchase the ore ;

(*e*) whether any reference was made to M.M.T.C. which is sole buyer of iron ore of the country for export regarding rates and premia at which it is purchasing same grade of ore ;

(*f*) whether tender date was changed three times and if so the reasons for the same ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*)

1969-70	*1970-71*	*1971-72*
(In metric tonnes)		
1,51,000	1,59,000	2,04,000

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. As the tenders called for involved supply of huge quantities of iron ore, it was considered that the earnest money deposit of Rs. 5,000 was insufficient to cover the obligations of supply of this huge quantity of iron ore. Therefore, it was enhanced to Rs. 50,000.

(*d*) The Company has accepted a rate of Rs. 29.75 per metric tonne f. o. r. Bhadravathi during 1969-70 against a quantity of 25,000 M.Tonnes and Rs. 33.70 for the balance quantity. This price is subject to premia and penalty clause in addition to variation clause on account of Governmental action (payment of royalty on the Iron ore).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The tender date was changed twice. The original closing date fixed for submission of the tender was 26-5-1969. In order to afford facilities to the intending tenderers, the closing date was extended up to 7-6-1969. In the meanwhile, the Secretary, Mysore Iron Ore Merchant Association, Bangalore, requested for extension of the closing date and also for certain modifications of the analysis of the ore to be supplied. After considering the said request at length and on the advice of the Technical Director the closing date of the tenders was postponed to 17-6-1969 and also the specification relating to phosphorous content was changed from 0.025 per cent maximum to 0.030 per cent maximum.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In answer to (*e*) you have stated 'no'. Is it not a fact that MMTC is the sole buyer and exporter of iron ore ? And is it not necessary to ascertain the market rate beforehand ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—It is not necessary because we are buying it by calling Public Tender.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Are you aware that MMTC is purchasing same grade of ore at Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 whereas you have accepted the tender for Rs. 29.75 and 33.70 and thereby you have to pay extra cost of about Rs. 8 per metric tonne ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—I am not aware of the rate at which they are purchasing. We have accepted the lowest quotation.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In such a huge trade involving lakhs of rupees, is it not necessary to ascertain the market rate beforehand ? And since the loss comes to about Rs. 50 lakhs, is it not necessary to ascertain the market rate ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—It is not correct to say that the company has suffered loss. It is public tender. Eight people have quoted the rates. The contract has been given to the lowest tenderer. The price varies from place to place, and grade to grade of iron.

Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA.—I want to know whether premium rate was notified in the tender notification and if so, whether you are paying Rs. 2 per point of extra iron content, when the MMTC is paying only 0-75 paise for every point of extra iron content ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—We are paying Rs. 2 for every unitage over and above 64 units of iron contents. If we pay Rs. 2 more, the value of the iron content coms to about Rs. 3.80 per unit and the company stands to gain to the extent of Rs. 1.80 per extra unit.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that in the name of high grade iron ore low grade iron ore is being purchased and this has resulted in heavy losses to a great extent to the MISL ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—The allegation is baseless.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it not customary in the mineral trade to fix up *Pro-rata* rate percentage ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—We are not only paying premium for every extra unit of iron content, but also levying penalty in case of reduction.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question by hon. Member Sri P. Anjanappa.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, I want to make one suggestion. This is a very important question. You may allow some more supplementaries. Probably in view of the change in the seating arrangements you have not been able to look at me.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I am sorry. I have already gone to the next question. I request the hon. Member not to embarrass me.